

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday– December 11 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30– High Mass Memory of Irene Borsuk from Cliff, Julie & Jodie Brown

- Following Mass: Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

Sunday– December 18, 2016 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30– High Mass

10:30- Wigilia Brunch with Oplateki/Breaking of Bread at the Parish Hall

Saturday – Dec 24, 2016 Wigilia / Vigil of Nativity

10:00 PM –Shepherd’s Mass / Pasterka

Sunday – Dec 25, 2016 Christmas

9:30 – Christmas Day Mass

Monday – Dec 26, 2016 Feast -St Stephen Martyr

Tuesday – Dec 27, Feast St John Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday – Dec 31, Sylvester / Year End / Holy Family

7 PM –Mass in Thanksgiving for God’s Blessings in 2016 and Petitions for Blessings in 2017

Sunday–Jan 1, 2017 New Year /Circumcision of our Lord

9:30 – New Year Day Mass

Monday – Jan 2, 2017 Solemnity Holy Name of Jesus

Friday – Jan 6, Epiphany of our Lord / Three Kings

Sunday– Jan 8, 2017 Solemnity Humble Shepherds

9:30 – High Mass with blessing of Incense and chalk from Epiphany of our Lord / Three Kings

Monday – Jan 9, 2017 Solemnity Baptism of the Lord

Bible Readings for 3rd Sunday of Advent year A

1st reading from the Book of Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

Responsorial Psalm 146

R. Lord, come and save us.

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

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2nd reading from the Letter JAS 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Holy Gospel According to St Matthew 11: 2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” *Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”* As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

PARISH BLESSINGS and GRATITUDE *We are grateful to everyone who gives Time, Talents and Treasure of your prayer and donations. GODS BLESSINGS to all, for your FAITH and labor of LOVE in taking care, repairing and restoring out Parish Church!* In the last year and a half, together have done a tremendous amount of work:

New Church roof; fixed ceiling and Church interior, repaired and painted Church interior and outside windows, repaired Church entrance bulletin board, fixed Parish Hall roof, repainted Parish Hall entrance and bathroom, repainted Parish Hall, fixed roof over rectory, repaired and painted rectory interior, new fence at the cemetery, landscaping at the Cemetery and Pulaski Park, repaired caretaker house at the Cemetery, repaired heating pump and furnace at the Parish Hall, new professional zero turn grass cutting mower, new 6ft wide pull behind tractor mower,

Fellowship dinners, brunches, cook outs, bake sales, etc, etc... *May God bless you all for your wonderful work!!!*

PRAYER CIRCLE & HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!

Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr. Andrew. We are planning First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.

PARISH CALENDAR

-Polish Language Mass – 1st Sunday of each month.

- Wigilia Brunch with Oplateki/Breaking of Bread at the Parish Hall
We are inviting all to break Oplateki/Bread together at our Parish family Wigilia Brunch Sunday December 18 after Holy Mass.

Collection for December 4, 2016 \$221.00



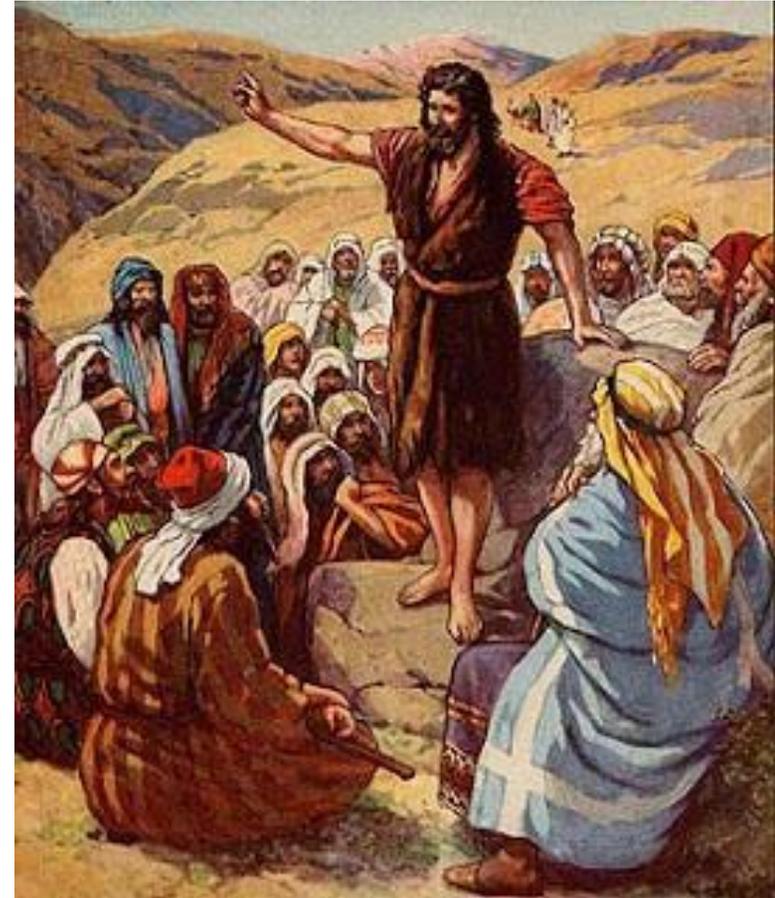
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